

Reliance Beats The Columbia

In First Trial Yesterday the New Cup Defender Beats the Old.

Leads by More Than Fourteen Minutes Over 25-Mile Course.

Glenco, May 21.—11:45 a. m.—The preliminary gun for the trial between Columbia and Reliance, was fired. The Columbia immediately broke out her headsails and the two yachts began jockeying for the start. In a slight breeze Columbia seemed to move faster than the Reliance. Ten minutes later the committee boat signalled that the start would be postponed, because of the streaky wind. Reliance had set her high rig (sails for above the Columbia). The Reliance passed the first mark at 4:55:50, the Columbia 5:05:45. The Reliance passed the second mark at 5:10:30, the Columbia at 5:20:56. The Reliance won the race by 14 minutes 45 seconds (unofficial time).

The Regatta committee of the New York Yacht Club, under whose auspices the yachts meet in a majority of races this year, had laid out three triangular courses off Glenco with the start in all of them from the buoy off Martin Rock point.

The first course was a small almost equilateral triangle of about five miles to start with, and was run twice around. The other two courses were obtuse triangles, one of them having a long leg down the sound almost to the Eaton Neck light, 11 miles, then over to the Connecticut shore and back to the finish, while the other had the same long leg down the sound, but with another long leg up the sound to a buoy off Race and then back to finish. The other two courses were about 20 miles round.

It was expected that one of these courses would fit the prevailing direction of the wind and give the yachts a good test in all points of sailing, racing, running and beating.

New York, May 21.—By a combination of good luck and splendid sailing qualities, the new cup yacht Reliance today inflicted such a defeat upon the former cup defender, Columbia, as she had never before experienced, leading her over the finishing line of a 25 mile course off Glenco, by 14 minutes and 43 seconds. Time. Now all the glory of that race victory was fairly owned by the Reliance. If it had been there would be no doubt that the Reliance would be the next cup defender, but despite the Columbia's ill-luck it was convincingly showed herself to be the better boat. The race was triangular, 11 miles to the eastward, westward along the Long Island shore to Eaton's Point, three miles to the north west across the sound to Green's ledge light, and 11 miles southwest by west to the finish line off Glen Coe.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REDISTRIBUTION

Liberal Proposals Regarding the Electoral Divisions of Province.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, May 21.—The following are the Liberal proposals regarding redistribution in British Columbia:

All lines in the proposed distribution follow provincial electoral district boundaries, at the instances. Westminister is extended eastward to include Yale village, and Vancouver is given North and South Vancouver and Moody.

Victoria is to be a provincial electoral district of the city.

Nanaimo to include Saanich and Esquimalt, Cowichan, the Islands, Newcomer and North Vancouver.

Comox, Athi, Skeena and that portion of Richmond lying west of a straight line from centre of House ground to the northwest corner of Dewdney.

Vancouver to include North and South Vancouver and Richmond east of line mentioned in previous paragraph.

New Westminster to include Rich, New and South Burrard Inlet, except some small Vancouver provincial districts of Westminster City, Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney and part of Yale district, including the village.

Yale-Cariboo to include Cariboo, Chilcotin, Kamloops, Okanagan, Similkameen, Greenwood and Grand Forks, and that portion of Yale district not to Westminster.

Kootenay to include Revelstoke, Slocan, Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Columbia, Cranbrook and Fernie.

DROUGHT AND FIRE.

Burlington, Vt. May 21.—Reports received by the Free Press from all sections of the state indicate that most serious spring drought in years is being experienced. Thousands of acres of timber lands have been burned over, and the fires are not yet under control.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Nearly Seven Hundred Members Attend Los Angeles General Assembly.

Los Angeles, May 21.—The 115th assembly of the Presbyterian church convened this morning at Emmanuel church. But few of the 700 accredited commissioners were absent when the Rev. Henry Vandyke called the gathering to order. The campaign for moderator continued up to the hour of calling the assembly to order. Dr. Vandyke called the assembly to order at 11 o'clock, and delivered his annual sermon.

Dr. N. Coyle, Denver, has been elected moderator of the general assembly.

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AT ALL BARS
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DEATH OF JOHN MACLAREN.
A Noted Man Gone to His Rest.

John MacLaren, of whom mention was made in our last issue, died at Kamloops on Wednesday evening. He resided at Brockville, Ont., and was the second son of the late James MacLaren of Buckingham, "the Ottawa lumber king." The deceased was very ill in January, and to recruit came to Victoria in April, a part of the time with his brothers-in-law, Thompson Fall and Rev. Dr. Campbell. After his visit to Victoria he left for the Mainland, and met with the accident that resulted fatally 50 miles from Kamloops on the North Thompson river, where he went on a tour of inspection for timber. He had great faith in the future of British Columbia and intended to make large investments in the province. Ten years ago he built the Ross-MacLaren mill near New Westminster, and had extensive interests in mines in Kootenay and at Sudbury, and owned two large factories in Brockville, and mills on the Ottawa river. He intended to secure this summer large timber limits in British Columbia and manufacture for the Northwest Territories.

He was a man who gave liberally to every good cause. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, and intended to be at the meeting of the general assembly which is to convene in Vancouver in June, and to which he was appointed delegate by the Presbytery of Brockville. He leaves a wife, fourth daughter of the late John Forgan of Brockville, and a child to mourn the loss of a kind, indulgent Christian husband and father. The interment will take place in the East.

AT THE PLAY HOUSES.

A Wise Woman at the Victoria. This Evening—Vaucluse Attractions.

Marie Lamour is a name that has been heralded through the theatrical columns of the daily papers to such an unlimited extent of late that to those who have not watched the career of this gifted young artiste from its inception, a brief resume of what might be termed her professional life will not prove uninteresting reading. To begin with, Miss Lamour began her career on the stage in one of Augustin Daly's musical comedy companies, and to the splendid early training received in this capacity, as well as to a strict adherence to the rigid discipline constantly enforced in Mr. Daly's organizations, Miss Lamour credits the foundation of what up to this time has been a career of brilliant success. It is to their early training as members of the chorus that Fauna Davenport, Lillian Russell and many other stars of like prominence owe much of their later success. After a brief period in the chorus, Miss Lamour advanced to the more important position of a principal, and several years' experience of this kind in Mr. Daly's New York company made her not only a splendid actress, but a most pronounced metropolitan favorite. This season Miss Lamour severed her connection with the Daly company to star in the title role of Wilfred Clarke's farcical comedy, "A Wise Woman," and her success so far is said to have been of the most solid, artistic and financial kind. Miss Lamour will appear in this evening at the Victoria. The supporting company is said to be very strong, and includes Frederic Murphy, last season leading man with Julia Marlowe.

EDISON DISPLAY COMPANY.

A large force of men are to be seen at work at the home of high class vancouver and life-size moving pictures. They are putting in a balcony, which will add to the attractiveness of this popular place of amusement. The management has contemplated this improvement for some time as it will give the best of ventilation and also increase the seating capacity. The excellent programme which is being rendered this week will continue just the same. Gilmour and LeMoine, Jas. Harriman, Jos. Miller, Ed. Connon, Harry Harrison and the long list of the latest moving pictures make an evening's entertainment for young and old.

THE ORPHEUM.

The list of attractions presented by this popular place of amusement is certainly meeting with the entire approbation of the public to judge from the rounds of applause that follow each and every act. The singing of Miss Diamond is certainly a great drawing card, her rendition of the beautiful illustration, "I Wonder if She's Waiting," holding the audience's attention. Gracie and Potter in their laughable sketch "Goldstein, the Lawyer," causes the audience with applause. The moving pictures of a humorous nature and are greatly enjoyed by all. Next week the management will present one of the strongest bills ever presented in British Columbia. The programme will appear in the Colonist on Saturday. Mr. Tracy will be here and sing the soul-stirring song, "Soldiers of the King," illustrated by beautifully colored slides. The gold watch will be given away at the close of the second matinee Saturday afternoon.

An entire change of programme tonight. Gracie and Potter in a new act; Miss Diamond will sing a new illustrated song, making a splendid bill.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Deputy Immigration Officers Appointed—Major Mutter's New Post.

Announcement is made in the Official Gazette published yesterday, that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned provincial police constables to be deputy immigration officers for the purposes of the British Columbia Immigration Act, 1903.

A. M. Eze, Mayne Island.

J. John Thompson, Cumberland.

H. Berryman, Port Eastington.

D. G. Hart, Chemainus.

W. H. Bullock-Wester, Nelson.

J. Wilson, Creston.

J. H. M. Muttin, Fernie.

W. J. D. Tracy, Trail.

C. V. D. D. V. Warmer.

R. L. Henderson, Metchel.

G. H. Ashton, Golden.

F. R. Morris, Cranbrook.

M. H. McElroy, Nanaimo.

S. F. Cawelti, Victoria.

H. F. M. Lane, Hornby Bay.

A. W. Lane, Mission City.

F. Stanley Soan, New Westminster.

L. A. Dinsmore, Grand Forks.

J. E. Ross, Rossland.

Major James J. O'Farrell, of Somesons, to be superintendent of the Juvenile Reformatory at the city of Victoria, Vice R. E. Hanson, resigned.

John H. Fox of the city of Nelson Esq., the collector of revenue tax in and for the city of Nelson, Esq.,

The jurisdiction of Dr. A. M. Watson as a corporal in and for the Athlone electoral district is as now described, and not as in the B.C. Columbia Gazette of the 14th of May, 1902.

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Along the Waterfront

Jessie Being Overhauled Ready For Sealing—Tees Sails For the North.

Abandoned Wreck Found in the South Pacific Believed to be De Coudie.

wife, Rev. J. C. Spencer, J. L. Steele, R. A. Schools, D. Jennings, G. E. Freeman, W. H. Pierie, D. J. Mann, E. Dodge, W. Thomas, F. Stephens, The British ship Celtic Race went up to the Sound, instead of anchoring in the Royal Roads as was expected.

Tatooosh, May 21—8 p. m.—Cloudy, west, 12°; inward, revenue cutter Daniel Manning, San Francisco for Port Townsend; outward, steamer Oregonian, Seattle for Honolulu.

SPORTING NEWS

BASEBALL.

Today's game between the Tacoma semi-professional players and the Victoria team will be called promptly at 6 o'clock. The visitors have a strong hard club, if not a beating. For their game with the Victorias they have strengthened up with a couple of league players. The Victorias will have their full team on the field with Holness in the box, and are confident that they will add one more to their list of victories. The train company will have extra cars on the run to handle the crowds in good shape, both to and from the grounds. The game will be played, rain or shine. W. F. Hall will officiate at home.

Toronto, May 21—Baseball: Toronto, 1; Newark, 9.

THE RING.

The boxing contest which takes place at the Savoy next Monday evening is the subject of considerable local interest, inasmuch as the leading pool rooms of San Francisco have wired the manager inquiring into the condition of each man. The principals being so evenly matched makes all those of a sporting proclivity busy in an attempt to pick the winner. Several men of note have already issued challenges to the winner of this contest, notably Louis Ling, of the Hotel Herrera, of Bakerfield; Billy De Courcy, of Sacramento, and several others more or less prominent.

This is certainly promised to be the sporting event of the season and should it receive patronage, there is no reason but what some of the "high liners" may show to Victorians their ability.

WRESTLING.

New York, May 21—Ernest Roehler failed to throw Gus Ruhlin in a hand-in-wrestling match in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, tonight. Roehler was to have thrown Ruhlin three times within an hour, but failed to get a single fall. Ruhlin was very aggressive.

LACROSSE.

The composition of the team to represent the Vancouver Lacrosse Club in the first game of the season with the Victorias in Victoria next Monday has not yet been decided upon, says the Vancouver Ledger. The club is moving steadily. There is a big turnout of players every evening, and as the season opens before there is any necessity for so doing might leave a few aggrieved aspirants whose interest in the game might not outlive their disappointment. So the officers make no choice as yet and will take at least fifteen players to Victoria and there the team will be.

The season did not open any too auspiciously, but now that it is under way the officers of the club have every reason to be satisfied with the outlook. There has been a big influx of new players and many of the intermediate age are showing form that promises before long they will take their places among the seniors. About thirty men stripe for work every night, which shows that there is by no means a lack of material to choose from, and that the material is of high class at that. Among the new men that will undoubtedly catch a place on the senior team this year are H. N. Springer, W. Finner, C. Quigley, E. Robinson and F. Murray. All of them have shown great strength in practice and will prove a decided acquisition to the team.

K. C. Cullin, Captain, will again after a couple of years' absence from the field, and is showing up as well as he ever did. Herman, who formerly played on the home field, has made good this year in goal and has made good. The players leave here Sunday noon and will line up against Victoria on Monday afternoon. The referee has not yet been chosen. The local club suggested C. L. Cullin, but there is a prospect of that old warrior again getting into the game, in which case George Tite will be the choice.

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ATHLETICS.

The following special committee has been appointed by the J. B. A. A. to take charge of the annual field meet of the N. P. A. A. to be held in Victoria on August 15 next: H. D. Helmcken, K. C. M. P. P. Rev. W. Baugh, J. G. Bridgman, J. A. McPavish, D. Leeming, Leeming, J. H. Rutherford, Dr. Oneal, Frank, H. C. Haynes, J. S. Shillcross, B. E. Billingsley, J. Hart, A. E. Todd, W. C. Moresey, J. H. Austin, A. U. Merrilees, W. T. Williams, R. Bessette, G. H. Bevan-Pritchard, E. H. Russell, R. H. Power, W. T. Andrews, and T. P. Parton. The first meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday next, when the programme will be adopted and sub-committees appointed. Through the kindness of Ald. Yates, the J. B. A. will have their reception for members and friends on Tuesday during the progress of the Victoria Day regatta. Members sending applications are requested to have them delivered at the club house before 10 a.m. on Monday.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Capitals Intermediate Association team received a letter from Cumberland, agreeing to go to Nanaimo on Saturday, but now the local team finds it cannot get strong enough aggregate to go, so the cup will be held by the executive until next season.

He was a close student and a wide reader. He had a fondness for natural science, with a particular bent for natural history, of which a very select library is evidence. Had he been so disposed, he could have left very interesting historical and literary reminiscences; but like so many of the Hudson's Bay Company officials, who were so splendidly equipped mentally and by experience, owing to the singular turn which trading life gave, he was singularly lacking in the opportunities which lay before him in that direction; but on account of which all students of Western pioneer life must mourn. As a man, however, he preferred a quiet, retired life, whose allegiance was to his old friends, endeared to them as he was, by sterling qualities of mind and character.

REST OF FLEET.

Fall, c. Miselbrook, b. Fletcher, c. Gentry, b. Gedge, c. Lauke, b. Fletcher, c. Church, b. Hammick, b. Gedge, c. Seabey, b. Gedge, c. Moore, c. Fletcher, b. Gedge, c. Pound, b. Gedge, c. West, b. Gedge, c. Pidley, run out, c. Carter, b. Woodward, c. Ankars, not out, c. Leg byes, c. Byes.

GUN ROOM.

Forster, b. Moore, c. Dauntant, c. Luke, b. Moore, c. Smith, b. Moore, c. Woodward, hit wkt, b. Ankars, c. Fletcher, b. Rowstone, b. Hammick, c. Church, b. Angers, c. Gedge, not out, c. Ward, stumped, c. Luke, b. Rowstone, b. Thomas, b. Moore, c. Misselbrook, b. Rowstone, b. Evans, b. Moore, c. Davidson, b. Moore, c. Leg bye.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Overs. Mds. Runs. Wkts. Gedge, c. 10 2 21 6 Fletcher, c. 7 2 29 2 Woodward, hit wkt, b. Ankars, c. 19 2 19 6 Fletcher, b. Rowstone, b. Hammick, c. Church, b. Angers, c. Gedge, not out, c. Ward, stumped, c. Luke, b. Rowstone, b. Thomas, b. Moore, c. Misselbrook, b. Rowstone, b. Evans, b. Moore, c. Davidson, b. Moore, c. Leg bye.

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STRAND.

Deely Sweep, Strand Hotel, Vancouver, the largest sweepstakes ever given last year. This year's will be bigger than ever. Tickets one dollar.

Passing Of A Pioneer

Death of William Charles, Late Factor of the Hudson's Bay Co.

Came to Oregon in 1852 Was Prominently Identified With B. C. History.

In the passing of Mr. William Charles, late inspecting factor of the Western department of the Hudson's Bay Company, another tie binding the present with a past generation has been broken; and it is with feelings of sadness we view the decimated ranks of that old band of pioneers in the fur trade, to which in a large measure we owe our present political existence and organization as a province.

Death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning at the late residence of the deceased, and came out altogether unexpected, as Mr. Charles had for a long time been confined to bed.

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THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

We are glad to find somebody else in the same boat as ourselves about this scheme. We had thought it was the difference of longitude between Ottawa and Victoria which accounted for the cloudiness of our ideas about the progress it was making. We see, however, that the Montreal Star in introducing the discussion of the subject says that "the most noticeable feature of the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme now before Parliament is the absence of definite information about the details of the project." The Star is somewhat critical. It remarks a certain want of definite sponsorship on the part of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. The promoters are certainly officials and men of prominence in the Grand Trunk railway. But that railway as a corporation does not assume any responsibility for the successful carrying through of the scheme. "Before committing themselves," says the Star, "members would naturally like to know, not only with whom they are dealing, but where the line is going; how much it is going to cost; how big a subsidy is wanted; and how long it is going to take to build. Most vital, perhaps, of all, is the necessity for definite information about the Atlantic terminals." These are exactly the points upon which we have been hazy in the extreme, and we are glad to see that a difficulty in treating the matter intelligently is not confined to this end of the continent.

THE RUSSIAN MASSACRES.

When we consider what the Jews have given to civilization, and the recompense that civilization has made to the Jews, we ought to feel ashamed. For ages upon ages the Jews were the repository of that whole conception of the cosmos and its Ruling Power upon which all our religion, and a great deal of our law and polity, are based. Jesus Christ, the man-God, was a Jew. The Apostle Paul, the Aristotle of theology, upon whose intellectual level we should be inclined to place not more than four or five human beings known to history, was a Jew. In modern times, the Jewish race has produced many great philosophers, great writers, great musicians, not to speak of great financiers, in which it has been prolific. Doubtless the Jews would have produced great statesmen and great soldiers also. They were driven to finance because it was the only avenue in which they were allowed to exercise their energies. Yet, for the great gifts of the Jewish race to Western civilization, they have been repaid by insult, humiliation, persecution and cruelty unimaginable. This is now the twentieth century, yet persecution of the Jews is carried on as openly and as flagrantly as it ever was. At Kishineff, in Russia, only the other day, the Russian mob overwhelmed the Jews, one hundred to one, carrying fire and devastation throughout the entire Jewish district of the city. Like fiends they sprang upon the helpless disarmed Jews, massacring the victims and torturing with every hideous and indescribable outrage. Women were throttled, subjected to every dishonor, or shot down mercilessly. Their children were thrown from windows and butchered before their eyes. Jewish men attempted, even in their unarmed condition, to defend their wives, children and homes, but were shot or butchered mercilessly. For three days the brutal Russian mob roamed the streets, massacring, pillaging, torturing and outraging. No Jew in all Kishineff was un wounded. Not a house or store was left undamaged. The mob, after carrying off all the goods on which they could lay hands, destroyed the rest by pouring kerosene oil thereon and burning. The police, whose duty it was to defend the Jews, openly aided and abetted the mob, and when Jews approached the chief of police and demanded protection, they were thrown out of the police headquarters, and literally torn to pieces, by the frenzied Russians. Every synagogue was wrecked. The scrolls of the law, after being desecrated with filth, were hurled into the flames. The military authorities, who secretly sympathized with the mob, remained perfectly indifferent, and only after the slaughter had become too horrible for the authorities to safely permit its continuing, were the soldiers ordered to check the mob, and put a stop to the fearful scenes. A few days later, in spite of all warnings, violence was renewed, and a still more violent outbreak took place at Tirospol. Here, although but few in number, as compared with their assailants, the Jews made a desperate stand. They managed to seize a magazine of arms, and for several hours held their assailants at bay, among whom were quite a number of police and soldiers, openly helping the young, it is not small in influence or power. The conference which has just closed its sessions in the capital of the province will be recorded as one of the most harmonious and successful since its organization in 1887. It was certainly a representative one in every particular, with the exception of the Yukon district, which is too far distant to send a delegate, except at great expense. The conference at the outset paid itself the highest possible compliment by electing to the presidency Rev. James Turner, one of the pioneer ministers of the church in this province. Mr. Turner's name is a household word, and

ethics as expounded by a Jew to the Jews in the Sermon on the Mount. But we say that these outrages are committed by ignorant Russian peasants. So they are, but the spirit which inspires them, is the spirit of modern civilization towards the Jews, to whom, if it may run on earth, modern civilization owes protection and liberty. The outbreaks of anti-Semitism in France and other European countries among educated people, are not less cruel and ruthless, only less barbarous in their manifestations than the massacres of the Russians. On British soil and in the United States of America, the Jews are free. They betray no ingratitude. On the contrary, they manifest a fine spirit of patriotism, treasuring as a privilege what other people assert to be their right. It is not so very long ago that Great Britain removed the disabilities of the Jews, disabilities under which they never should have suffered, vile relics of pagan barbarism. What has been the result? They have given freely of their blood, their treasure, and their great talents to the maintenance and prestige of the British Empire. If the British Empire had to fight for its continued existence tomorrow, Great Britain would have no more devoted subjects at home, and no more powerful allies abroad, than the Jews. But that is a matter of sentiment. Justice and liberty are not matters of sentiment; they are matters of right. And the less able any human beings are to assert them for themselves, the more insistent does their right become to receive them from others. The persecution of Jews in Russia or elsewhere, is a blot upon modern civilization, and calls loudly for the interference of every man who believes justice to be the foundation of all proper human relations.

A PUZZLE.

A most extraordinary puzzle is exercising the authorities of the State of Wisconsin. In fiction it might be made, in fact a similar situation has been made the basis of tragedy, but in actual life its tragic qualities are not more pronounced than its qualities of embarrassment. In 1882 a prosperous farmer got drunk and tried to commit suicide. He was incarcerated in a lunatic asylum as a suicidal maniac, and in an asylum he has been ever since. Now he has been examined by doctors, who declare that he is not insane and never has been insane. A year after he was put in the asylum, his wife secured a divorce and married a man employed on the farm, to whom passed the wife, children and property of the incarcerated farmer. It now transpires that the drinking fit and attempted suicide of this legal lunatic were due to the misconduct of his wife, who used them as an excuse for his subsequent incarceration, and her freedom to take another husband. This at any rate is what a man now declared to be thoroughly sane believes and asserts, and which makes the puzzle, proposes to act upon. In his own mind, he has been the victim of a conspiracy, a conspiracy to which the subsequent circumstances give some color, of which, however, he could never get legal proof, and for which he could never get adequate remedy. He knows, nobody else could ever know for certain by any process of legal demonstration, but he knows, and he proposes to kill the woman. He makes no secret of his intention, he recognizes its legal consequences and its moral complexion in the eyes of the world. But in twenty years' breeding over his wrongs he has settled all that long ago, and has made up his mind to kill his former wife. Whatever this determination is, it is not an evidence of insanity. Yet the only ground on which the authorities can hold him is the ground that he is a lunatic. Apparently the only means by which the authorities can prevent a denunciation of the tragedy unsuitable to the prosaic soil of North America, is to consider such a fixed determination a sort of constructive legal lunacy, and keep the unfortunate man where he is.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The sittings of a parliamentary committee and a Royal commission in and near Victoria during these last two weeks, and the publication of the evidence heard by them, has filled the popular mind with greater interest in economic and political conditions than ever before. But while these things have been going on, another body of men, whose relation to these conditions is by no means unimportant, has been quietly and without ostentation considering grave moral and religious questions in the city of Victoria. The Methodist conference, which closed its sessions on Wednesday night, was notable in many respects. Visitors at the conference more than once remarked upon the spirited debates and the intelligence with which important questions affecting the public morals were dealt with. The first yearly conference of Methodism took place in the year 1744. In those early assemblies the doctrines of Methodism were discussed, defined and defended; the organization of the church was shaped and perfected, and all the machinery of the growing system was kept in working order. Since that day great changes have taken place in every sphere of life, the gradual unfolding of art and science, the religious and political transformations are simply marvelous to the student of history. The growth of Methodism has not been retarded by those great revolutions which all have a bearing on the social, civil and religious life of the community, which shows that there is no barrier between religion and science when rightly understood. The youngest of the conferences in the Dominion is that of British Columbia, but though young, it is not small in influence or power. The conference which has just closed its sessions in the capital of the province will be recorded as one of the most harmonious and successful since its organization in 1887. It was certainly a representative one in every particular, with the exception of the Yukon district, which is too far distant to send a delegate, except at great expense. The conference at the outset paid itself the highest possible compliment by electing to the presidency Rev.

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wherever he is known, his sterling Christian character, consistent religious life, genial good humor and ready Irish wit have endeared him to saint and sinner alike. In the earlier years of the Methodist conference in British Columbia, whenever it was found difficult to secure a suitable minister to take frontier work, such as in Cariboo, and in that vast region now known as the Kootenays, the problem, so far as the conference was concerned, could always be solved by proposing to send Mr. Turner, and he never demurred, stood not upon the order of his going, but went. In this way it was he who laid the foundations in the interior of the province of what is now a flourishing series of churches and missions. He also laid the foundations of Methodism in the Yukon, penetrating that terra incognita almost before the first rush in and, like the spies who went into Canaan, he brought back a report of that good land which aroused the church to her responsibilities to the fortune-seekers there. The reports and recommendations of the conference respecting the work of temperance and moral reform, as well as those respecting young people's societies and Sunday schools, show that the Methodist body fully realizes its responsibilities to the rising generation, and some of the orders of the conference will, if carried out, undoubtedly result in more efficient supervision of these with consequently more satisfactory results. Perhaps the most important resolution before the conference, from a public standpoint, was the one on sociology and economic conditions. It would seem to indicate that there is a growing feeling among religious bodies that social and economic questions must be approached, investigated and finally solved along scientific lines, and that this can be accomplished without any elimination of the religious and spiritual elements of the Christian religion. The conference, while emphasizing the supreme importance of the latter, nevertheless gave instructions to its members and ministers to study the standard theories which are so widely accepted as being steps in the right direction so as to be able to hasten remedial legislation whatever form it may finally assume. It will be gratifying to know that, with the inflammatory agitation that is so characteristic of certain sections of the reform elements in society, the same problems as are being discussed by them, are being studied and discussed by a strong religious body with judicial fairness and with an unalterable determination to assist in such reforms as are for the material and moral good of all.

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THE HOTEL PROPOSITION.

Sir.—I write to ask the favor of the insertion of the following: At the time of writing this morning's Colonist conveys the impression that I was instrumental in causing the rejection of Mr. John Clark by the Shipwrights' Union. Now, sir, the facts are as follows:—On the evening of May 18, 1903, I came before a general meeting, in which several of the members refused to vote. I was appealed to on a rule we have, No. 12 of our rules of order. My ruling was, "that they must vote." Whereupon the motion was passed by a large majority, "that the motion be by secret ballot." This was resolved by the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa, and the grand secretary ruled that the secret ballot should be used at all elections. The secret ballot should only be used by the members who voted, neither I nor any other member saying a word to influence the voting.

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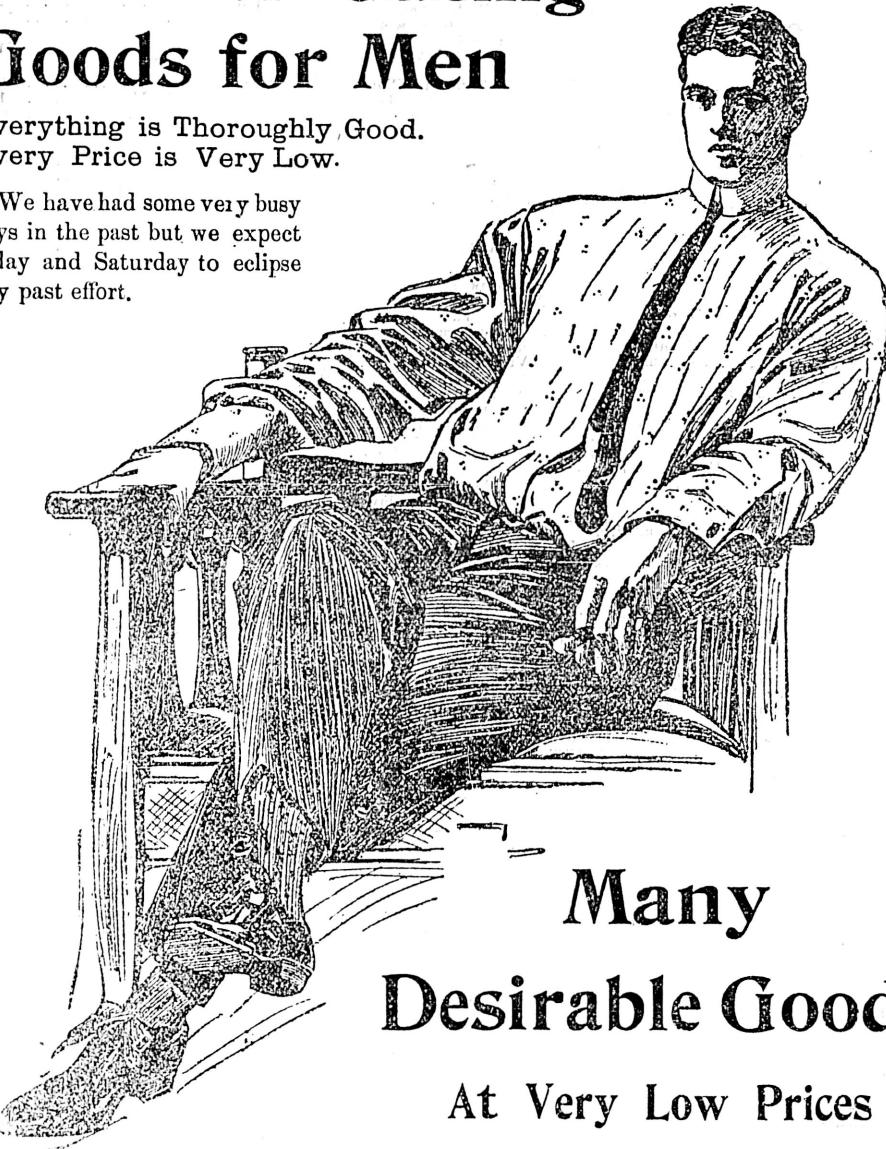
All this is assuming that we are not once more underhandedly what the immortal Mr. Melville would term the "gullible mass" of which one feels some qualms in view of the apparent alacrity with which the C. P. R. president seems to have jumped at it, taken with his possible desire to

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Declared a Holiday.—The Council of Public Instructions has declared Monday, May 25, a public holiday, enabling all the school children of the province to participate in the celebration of Victoria Day.

New Boilers.—Four new boilers built by Victoria Machinery Depot for the Victoria Lumber Company at Chemainus, have arrived at the mills, and the plant will be shut down in day or two to have the new boilers installed.

Collision Averted.—A collision was narrowly averted yesterday morning when the Kingston street hose wagon was being driven to the fire in Victoria West. When the hose wagon was nearing Bastion street with the bell clattering noisily, an express wagon came on to Government street, and the hose wagon was within an ace of colliding with the express.

Lorne in Parade.—The tug Lorne has been ordered to Seattle by the Puget Sound Tugboat Company for the purpose of taking part in the marine parade to take place there on Saturday afternoon in honor of the coming of President Roosevelt to the Sound. The tug Lorne is at Port Townsend, having come there yesterday from the ship docks near Chemainus. The Barbwire loaded lumber at Chemainus and went to Port Townsend to ship a crew.

Chinese Will Race.—A feature of the regatta on Monday will be the Chinese race, which has been added as an extra. All Chinatown is excited over the event. Capt. Cox has promised to secure sealing boats for the Celestials for the race, and Tim Kee is getting uniforms made for the contestants. The outrunners from Chinatown will commence practising today.

The Charmer.—The rumor is being revived that the C. P. R. Company will place a steamer on the Sound route this summer. It is said by those circulating the report that the steamer Charmer will be placed on the route when the Princess Victoria takes the Victoria-Vancouver route. This report, then referring to the Princess Victoria being placed on the run from Vancouver to Seattle via Victoria, was denied by Capt. Troup some days ago.

Another Improvement.—Under the recommendation of the city engineer, a permanent sidewalk is to be laid on the north side of Cormorant street from Government to Store. The improvement is badly needed, as the temporary sidewalk in existence is being in a bad state of disrepair. It was originally intended to pave the south side of the street, but investigation showed that it is more badly needed on the opposite side.

Jewish Services.—There will be divine service at congregation B'nai-El, corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets, at 7:30 this evening. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "Israel's Rabbis."

Sons of Scotland.—A special meeting of Speyside Camp, Sons of Scotland, is called for 8 o'clock this evening in Sir William Wallace Hall, and all members are requested to attend for the purpose of meeting Mr. Gordon, the organizer.

Erskine-Wall Business.—A meeting of the creditors of Erskine, Wall & Co., was held at the office of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon. An offer was made to take over the stock and book debts—\$1 cents on the dollar, for the stock and \$6,000 for the book debts. The offer was accepted.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late Alexander Baillie took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. The Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted the services at the parlors and graveside. Beautiful flowers were presented, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. John Ross, John Richmond, T. Moffat and A. Stewart.

Summer Concerts Arranged.—Charles Hayward, president of the Tourist Association, and a committee of citizens interested in making arrangements whereby one-half of the Douglas estate is again available for summer entertainments such as were in operation last year. The property obtained comprises eight lots, and includes the old residence of Sir James Douglas and some fine oak trees, and is by a long way the most suitable property for this purpose that could be secured. Arrangements are now being made with responsible parties to provide amusements during the summer months.

Successful Musical.—The musician by the Misses Scowcroft created a very enjoyable and successful affair.

The following ladies and gentlemen assisted the Misses Scowcroft in the programme: Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Barker, Miss Nora McCoy, the Misses Stoddart, Mrs. J. Manville Williams, of Calville, Wash., and Misses Scowcroft, Okell, Gordon and Longfield. While every number was well received, especial enthusiasm greeted Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Williams in their singing, Miss Stoddart and J. Longfield in their violin duet, and Miss Nora McCoy in her reciting.

For the Holidays.—Commencing tomorrow, the E. & N. railway are putting in effect special rates for the celebration holidays, tickets being good from Saturday until Monday. The rate to Nanaimo and return for the celebration at that point is \$2; to Duncan and return, \$1.50; and Shuswap, Lake, \$1.50. For 55 cents, children under 12 years traveling at half fare. Trains leave Victoria at 9 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and at 9 a.m. on Monday, 25th. In addition to the regular train, a special train will leave Nanaimo on Monday at 6 p.m. for Victoria and intermediate stations.

Disastrous Fire.—The residence of B. J. Perry, Victoria West, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, and a cottage owned by H. E. Levy and occupied by Mrs. Crocker, badly damaged. The blaze, which started in the kitchen, ignited the roof lighting on the roof, started at 11 o'clock, and the firemen, who were quickly on the scene, were hampered by a shortage of water—it being necessary to lay hose to Springfield avenue and Fairall's, a very long distance. Mrs. Crocker succeeded, with the help of friends, in saving almost the entire contents, but Mr. Perry was less fortunate, and he will suffer a considerable loss—probably \$3,000, partly covered by insurance.

Echo of an "Agitation."—Some inquiry has been made during the past few days as to what disposition has been made of the appropriation of \$250 by the city to the special committee which several weeks ago had in hand the task of obtaining data relative to the construction of the proposed railway to the north end of the Island. It appears that the appropriation was made for the purpose of meeting the cost entailed in corresponding with committees throughout the Island. One of the first acts of the committee was to appoint a secretary at a salary of \$9 per month. The appointment has not been filled, though all work on the project has ceased, the secretary having only been called upon to assist in drawing up one report.

Juvenile Gardeners. The generous donation of 1,000 packages of flower seeds by Brackman & Ker to the Tourist Association for distribution amongst the school children has set nearly every youngster in the city busy cultivating a plot of ground, the juvenile gardeners entering in the matter with the keenest delight. Superintendent thinks the idea is an admirable one, and that it will tend much to enhance the beauty of Victoria's already lovely garden homes. The gift came at a most opportune time, weather conditions being such that it would be desired to allow the seeds to germinate quickly. Much rivalry exists amongst the children as to who shall succeed first in being able to present a teacher with a bunch of flowers grown from the seeds which were distributed.

Ascension Day Services.—Ascension Day was observed yesterday at Christ Church cathedral by special services, as follows: Holy communion, 8 a.m.; matins and high communion, 11 a.m.; evensong, 8 p.m. The preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Canon Beaman. After evensong a short organ recital was rendered by Mr. George Pauline. The music set for the evening service was as follows: "Vigilant" (Introduction and Allegro); (Vigilant); piece, hymn 147; psalm, special for Ascension Day, Cathedral Psalm; magnificat; John E. West; "Nunc Dimittis"; John E. West; anthem, "Lift up Your Heads"; (John L. Hopkins); hymns, 506, 507; offertory solo, "The Unseen Kingdom"; (Gerald Lane); Mr. H. Kent; Organ; "Overture in E Minor"; (Moran); "Elevation"; (Chaminate); quartette, "God is Love"; (Warren); Mead, Goward, Wark, Kent and Wallaston; organ, "Dancebreak"; (W. Spinnex); "Molodie"; (Victor Hameroff); recessional hymn 148; voluntary, "Festal March"; (Baptiste Calkin).

Macdonald Memorial.—The Colonist is in receipt of a letter from Donald C. Fraser, of Scots Corporation Hall, Crane Court, London, a member of the committee on the "Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald Memorial Fund," enclosing a copy of an appeal for contributions, which is more or less distributed throughout the world. It is explained that a public meeting of Scotsmen residing in London, on April 17, it was decided that a permanent memorial should be established in London, as the capital of the Empire, in relation to whose military annals General Macdonald's name occupies such a brilliant position. The Duke of Argyll is president of the fund; Mr. Samuel Matheson, chairman; Dr. Archibald Matheson, vice-chairman; Mr. W. G. Grant, treasurer; Scots Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Fleet street, E. C. Subscriptions of any amount will be gladly received and duly acknowledged by the bankers or the honorary treasurers.

Victoria Day Excursion to Port Guichon, Ladner and Cloverdale by the V. & S. Railway and steamer Victorian. Train leaves the Market station at 7 a.m., returning arrives at Victoria at 7 p.m. Fare \$2.00 for the round trip.

Steamer Rosalie sails at 7 a.m., instead of 9 a.m., Saturday, May 23, reaching Seattle in time to participate in review in honor of President Roosevelt.

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Drawing to a Close.—The time advertised for the closing of the doors of The Sterling dry goods store, 39 Government street, is drawing to a close, only five days being left for the closing out of a large amount of general dry goods, and as everything must go, an opportunity of obtaining good goods at small prices will be available.

Conference with Carpenters.—Representatives from the trades engaged in the building industry met the carpenters committee last evening and finally decided on the course of action to be taken. All parties declined to disclose the course of action to be adopted, but it is believed that drastic measures will be resorted to.

Chinese Will Race.—A feature of the regatta on Monday will be the Chinese race, which has been added as an extra.

All Chinatown is excited over the event.

Capt. Cox has promised to secure sealing boats for the Celestials for the race, and Tim Kee is getting uniforms made for the contestants. The outrunners from Chinatown will commence practising today.

The Charmer.—The rumor is being revived that the C. P. R. Company will place a steamer on the Sound route this summer.

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**The Methodist
 Conference**

**Proceedings at the Closing
 Sessions on Wednesday
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**Final Draft of Stations--Next
 Meeting At New
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Prayer by Mr. Hatch of Nelson, B. C., opened the proceedings on Wednesday morning. In the absence of Rev. C. Bryant, Rev. G. H. Morden was called upon to act in the conference during the devotional, concerning "Jesus the centre of our life."

Rev. Thomas Crosby informed the conference of the sudden and serious illness of Rev. John Abbott, M. A., the Japanese missionary of Vancouver.

Moved by Rev. W. W. Baer, seconded by Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., that this conference consider the horror with which it received the news, and, at the conclusion of its meeting of the disaster and fatality at Fernie, by which a large number of men lost their lives, among them being members of our beloved conference.

That this conference embraces this, the first opportunity to express our sympathy with the Fernie church in the loss in its membership thus sustained, and we commend the church at Fernie in its heroic efforts to care for the work and support the cause notwithstanding the heavy loss. We desire also to tender our sympathies to the families bereaved and to say that we are in mutual distress, mutual burdens, praying to God in our power to sooth the hearts made sad by calamity.

We desire also to congratulate our beloved brother Rev. R. F. Stillman for the successful termination of his pastorate in Fernie, and to congratulate him on the fact that his efforts to secure the removal of the church from the hills and patient efforts have resulted in a cause which is a credit to our denomination and a cause of saving grace to our people.

A resolution of gratitude to Almighty God for his presence in the life of our beloved brother Rev. Constance Bryant, the first member of our church in B. C., and pray that he may long be spared to the church in which he has labored so zealously and so long. This was introduced by Rev. Principal Sipprell, seconded by Rev. J.

The committee on education reported as follows: Memorandum to be submitted to the trustees of Ecclesiastical College, the rights exercised with the opening of the public schools has come before the synod and conference of various religious denominations in the province, and the denominations represented by the schools apply in their behalf and the behalf of their own who may desire to unite in this request for such legislation as will give effect to the following:

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Rev. J. H. White was elected conference representative to the Western Methodist Recorder Co., and Rev. T. R. Pearson.

Rev. G. H. Morden, seconded by Rev. T. H. Wright, our hearty thanks are hereby given and accorded to the kind friends of Victoria who have so royally and generously entertained the members of conference during their annual assembly. We have had a most delightful, interesting, and successful stay in the convention city of the Pacific Coast, and will treasure in our minds the many kindnesses received during the conference of 1903.

TEMPERANCE AND MORAL REFORM.

Your Committee on temperance and moral reform, having read the report of the committee on temperance and moral reform, and several pieces of these questions. We have heard with regret of the flagrant violations of the ordinary decencies of life in

when it was not possible to accept Christ, which is not correct.

The station list dual draft was submitted as follows:

The Victoria District.

Victoria—Metropolitan, Elliott, S. Rowe, D. D.; John P. Hicks, chaplain to Westleyan in B. M. forced at Esquimalt, by permission of conference; James, J. P. West, Victoria West, S. S. Osterhout, Ph. D., James Bay, Charles F. Connor, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (under Supt. Metropolitan).

Saunders, H. Wright, Cowichan—Wm. C. Schlichter, Salt Spring Island—A. E. Stevenson, Ladysmith and Extension—W. Gordon Tanner, B. A., C. M. College.

Nanaimo—Wallace St., Albert M. Sanderson, B. A., Hullburton St., Robert Hughes.

Nanaimo Chinese Mission—One to be sent (under Supt. of Wallace street).

Comox—W. D. Misener, Fred. S. Okell to attend Victoria College.

The Vancouver District.

Vancouver—Wesley church, Walter E. Peacock, B. A., Constance Bryant, secretary.

Princess St., R. Newton Powell, secretary of conference, Mount Pleasant, Chas. H. M. Sutherland; E. Robson, D. D., superannuated, Sixth avenue, Alfred E. Green, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (under Supt. Sixth Ave.) Japanese Mission, including Sapperton and Steveston, Goro Kaburagi, Scandinavian Mission, C. H. Haage.

Richmond—Ellis Manuel, Maple Ridge and Agassiz—W. Lashley Hall.

Mission City—James Hicks.

Victoria Japanese—Ukichi Oyama (under Supt. G. Kaburagi).

Cumberland Japanese—Mission—Under Supt. G. Kaburagi, E. E. Scott, under order of transfer, W. G. Mahon to attend C. M. College.

The Yukon District.

Dawson—Wm. H. Barracough, B. A., Duncan Creek—One to be sent.

Dominion Creek—F. A. Magee.

Salmon Creek—One to be sent.

Atlin—One wanted.

The Westminster District.

New Westminster—Queen's avenue, Geo. H. Macmillan, principal C. M. College, by permission of conference; T. D. Pearson, superannuated; J. P. Bowell, superannuated.

West End, B. H. Hedley Balderton, B. A., under superannuated, Princeton—College, Chinese Mission, one to be sent (C. M. T.)—under Supt. Queen's avenue.

Ladner—Arthur N. Miller, Cloverdale and Langley—Robert Wilkins.

Sumas—One to be supplied.

Chilliwack—Thomas W. Hall, Hall, principal Coquitlam Institute, by permission of conference.

Cheam—R. J. Irwin; Chas. Whittaker to attend C. M. College; Geo. R. Kinney to attend C. M. College.

The Kamloops District.

Kamloops—A. E. Hetherington, B. A., Dr. J. S. Turner, president of conference, the only permanent member of the faculty of Victoria for the years of the proceedings of conference and for copies of the same, denoted to conference. This motion was moved by Rev. T. W. Hall of Chilliwack, and seconded by Rev. G. H. Morden, and carried unanimously.

Rev. W. C. Schlichter reported for the Sault Ste. Marie observance committee. They reported as follows: Whereas, there is a growing tendency to infringe on the Lord's day by a large portion of the population of Sault Ste. Marie, we, the conference, do therefore, in the interest of the Sabbath, do hereby resolve that the Sabbath is the birthright of every man and its proper use is necessary for his highest physical, intellectual and moral development, and therefore, we do hereby call upon him, and for any other purpose except religious work and works of necessity and mercy; and whereas in our opinion no nation can consistently disregard the law of God in reference to the proper observance of the Sabbath, we do hereby endorse its efforts in trying to secure better legislation. And we hereby express our strong disapproval of the unnecessary opening of public places of amusement upon the Sabbath day, thus affording greater facilities for Sunday excursions, hunting and fishing parties, etc. And we would recommend that as far as practicable, Saturday afternoon be set aside for relaxation, for recreation and the development of our social life, and further that sermons be preached in all our churches urging our people to do all in their power both word and example to keep the day holiest and most sacred, and is devoted to the use of which it was intended. This report was adopted by the conference.

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Council to Sum Up This Morning---Finding Announced Later.

Premier's Evidence Very Emphatic---Ex-Premier Again on the Stand.

With the re-examination of Mr. George McL. Brown, and the hearing of Messrs. Prior and Dunsmuir yesterday, the taking of evidence in the matter of the Columbia and Western land grants "scandal" was completed yesterday evening. This morning it is expected that counsel will be directed to sum up for the benefit of the committee, and the five members of the House constituting the tribunal will then face the difficult task of formulating a report.

George McL. Brown, being returned to the witness box yesterday morning, his re-examination commenced at 10:45 o'clock. Mr. Duff being the questioner. Witness had understood the decision arrived at in Montreal in November 1901, to the effect that until the Canadian Pacific Railways in British Columbia showed signs of better returns, the company did not feel like increasing its mileage in the province. The policy of the company was against further building. He had told Mr. Wells that the company would help out the government as far as possible, there was no assurance of the Spence's Bridge road being built. He had understood from Mr. Spence that the decision by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was adverse to the construction of the Spence's Bridge line. Had notice of the intended cancellation given, he might have been able to convince the government that the ministry was unduly nervous---that the danger of defeat was not so imminent as anticipated. He had confidence in his own information, obtained by "the natural process of absorption." He would have taken means to canvass the members and keep in touch with the government's relations with the members of the House. Referring to his letter of 15th May, asking when the bill that became No. 87 might be down, witness said that he had received an assurance in reply. He had accordingly notified Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, probably after having got the final proof. He had certainly taken steps by polling the House to ascertain that the bill would or would not pass, finding that it was not likely to go through. He did not remember telling anyone that the bill would not pass, because some one would try to hold up the company. He might have said that the people were trying to get longer appropriations for their constituencies. He had no recollection of having said that the bill would not pass unless there was a divide-up with some one. He could not recall what made the change between the support of the government followers in caucus, and their failure to stick by the bill. He might have in his indignation said things from which the inference of an intended hold-up might be drawn. The letter of 15th May, 1902, to the Attorney-General, asked for the introduction of the bill (87) on the score of the verbal arrangement of 1888, which Sir Thomas Shaughnessy had declared to have no existence. He had not, that he remembered, consulted headquarters with respect to asking for the relief contemplated under bill 87 on the basis of the verbal agreement of 1888. The idea might have originated with himself. It might possibly have been suggested by an outsider---Mr. Eberts. His own remembrance of the meeting with the government in 1888 would seem to justify the premises of bill 87. Witness admitted that the statement contained in his letter of the 14th March in which he stated that the company had abandoned its right to build the fifth and sixth sections, was incorrect. There was no doubt that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy had been fully advised of the negotiations for the subsidy for the British Columbia Southern. He could not explain how it was that Sir Thomas was unaware that these two blocks were in the lands acquired. The only explanation he could offer was that it may have been a secret of the witness's party. When he had notified Sir Thomas that there was a chance of getting a prompt settlement by which these two blocks might be acquired for the Columbia and Western, it was quite possible that he had forgotten that these blocks had been obtained for the British Columbia Southern, although he had worked during four months to this result; it was through having forgotten this fact, he supposed, that he had not informed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the company already owned these two blocks through the British Columbia Southern. He had not asked that the permission for the transfer from British Columbia Southern to Columbia and Western come from the government instead of the company in order that the company might not be afterwards charged with having switched these lands round for an ulterior purpose. The report that he had made from memory to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy of the meeting of the cabinet at which he had protested against the cancellation, he would swear to as substantially accurate in its account of what transpired. It might not include everything that transpired. For instance when the meeting had "got hot," Mr. Wells had left the room very hurriedly, and Mr. Prentice had gone to bring him back. But in the material points the report was correct. The same could be said of a similar report on an interview had with Hon. Mr. Wells on the evening of the 27th March of last year, which had been furnished the president of the company in the same way. This report reads as follows:

Memorandum made in room 278, Dillard hotel, Victoria, at 9:35 p.m. 27 March, 1902, of a conversation between Hon. W. C. Wells and myself in the office of the Dillard a few minutes before the interview. We sat in a room paying hotel bill when was addressed by Mr. Wells, who had come

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any thing else you said, as in any way committing the government, but merely as an expression of your intention to exercise the right to build the fifth and sixth sections, of course, could take no other meaning from your personal assurances, and it would have been ridiculous to have accepted them as an expression on the fixed intention of the government.

According to the last clause in your letter permit me to say that it is not a "proposed settlement" but an "actual settlement," partially carried out, which has been set aside.

My meaning in the last few lines of your letter is not clear. "In any case you could not expect the government to carry out." No one could expect the government to do something impossible to be done. This statement is obviously correct, but what meaning do you wish me to draw from it?

GEO. MCL. BROWN,
Hon. C. Wells, Victoria, B.C.

In cross-examination by Mr. McCaul, Mr. Brown was ready to swear that these memoranda represented his recollection of what had occurred on the occasions dealt with---what had transpired as he remembered it, nothing more. He must have got bill 87 from the King's Printer, but could not recall the circumstances. He had no recollection of having shown it to Mr. Wells. In the interview of the 19th March, Mr. Wells had distinctly refused to allow the government to do anything, as an agreement by which the company could get possession of these two blocks in South East Kootenay in connection with the subsidy for section 4. He had thoroughly understood this when he had bill 87 drafted. Mr. Wells had intimated that he would use his personal influence to ward off the company getting these three blocks, but nothing more.

To Mr. Helmick, the witness said he was still in doubt as to the paternity of bill 87, and had asked Mr. Wells to point out to him the subsidies for section 4. When advised to go slow in the matter of pressing the company's claims for the two Kootenay blocks until the legislature had adjourned, he had obeyed instructions. He would not say that the object would have been accomplished if bill 87 had gone through. He might have gone on pressing on the other grounds as well.

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